

IIFT Entrance Test

November 28, 2010



We are pleased to present you the detailed analysis of IIFT entrance test held on November 28, 2010 at various centres all over India. It was the fourth test of MBA entrance test season 2010. The overall difficulty level of the test was lower than last year's. In fact if we compare the last three years' tests, IIFT 2010 was the easiest; subsequently the cut-offs for this year would be higher. This year also, IIFT maintained its tradition and changed the pattern slightly. The number of questions increased to 135 from 122 (of last year), while the weightage of the various sections also changed. This is the fourth continuous year that the IIFT changed its pattern. Last year it declared in the test-paper itself that there would sectional cut-offs, but this year no such declarations were there.

Around 60000 students appear for IIFT entrance test every year. There is a total intake of 120 seats at IIFT Delhi campus and a total of 60 seats intake at IIFT Kolkata campus. This makes IIFT entrance test one of the most competitive MBA entrance exams in India.

An attempt of more than 67 questions, with 90% accuracy can be categorized as good, while the cut-off for the test can be expected around 39+ marks for IIFT Delhi (an attempt of around 50 questions with 100% accuracy).

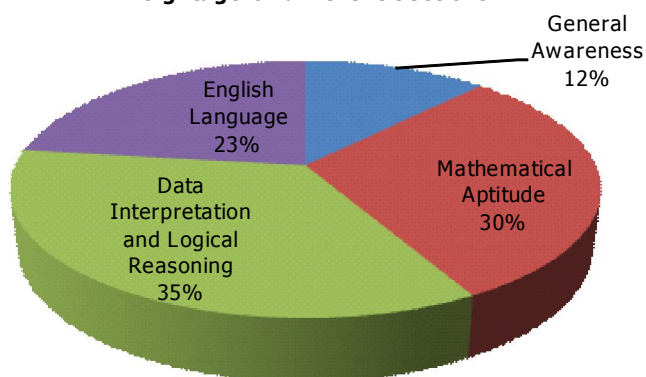
Further analyzing, the test, was divided into four sections, viz. General Awareness (GA), Mathematical Aptitude (MA), Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DI-LR) and English Language and Comprehension (ELC). There was a total of 135 questions in the test. The ELC section was divided into two sub-sections viz. Reading Comprehension (RC) and English Usage (EU) and weighted marking was there. The test was of total 100 marks.

The sectional break-up of the test is as follows

Bird's Eye View

- Total no. of questions - 135**
- Total time - 120 minutes**
- Sectional Breakup and marking scheme** – as mentioned in the table given below.
- Number of options – 4**
- Medium of marking – Pencil**
- Number of students appeared for test -** around 60000
- Number of seats - 180**
- Expected cut-offs –**
- IIFT Delhi: 39 + marks**
- IIFT Kolkata: 33 + marks**

Weightage of different sections



Sections	Sub-sections	Topics	No. of questions	Marks per question	Total Marks	Negative marking
1	--	General Awareness	30	0.4	12	One-third of the mark allotted to the specific question
2	--	Mathematical Aptitude	30	1	30	
3	--	Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning	35	1	35	
4	I	Reading Comprehension	15	0.7	10.5	
	II	English Usage	25	0.5	12.5	

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	No. of question	No. of marks	Difficulty level	Minimum attempts required to get a call from IIFT Delhi	Time suggested	Cut-offs marks to get a call from IIFT Delhi
I	General Awareness	30	12	Easy to Moderate	12+	10 min.	4+
II	Mathematical Aptitude	30	30	Moderate to Tough	11+	40 min.	10+
III	Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning	35	35	LR - Easy DI - Moderate to Tough	17+	40 min.	15+
IV	Reading Comprehension	15	10.5	Moderate to Tough	7+	15 min.	4+
	English Usage	25	12.5	Easy to Moderate	10+	15 min.	4+
		135	100		67+		39+

Note: 1. It was not declared that whether there would be sectional cut-offs in test or not.

2. All predictions made considering 90% accuracy

General Awareness (GA)

Number of Questions - 30 | Marks per question - 0.4 | Total marks - 12

This section was easier than last few years' GA section. The questions were from traditional as well as dynamic GK. There were questions from Business, Country-Capital-Currency-Name of Parliaments, Current Affairs, Locations of International Organizations and Economics etc. An attempt of 12 + questions with 90% accuracy in a time span of 10 minutes will be decent one.

Mathematical Aptitude (MA)

Number of Questions - 30 | Marks per question - 1 | Total marks - 30

The difficulty level of the section can be rated as moderate. Around twelve questions were there, which could be solved easily in a time span of 40 minutes. The topic wise breakup of the section is as follows –

Topic	No. of Ques.
Number Systems	6
Progression	1
Percentages, Averages	2
Permutation and Combination and Probability	2
Maxima and Minima	1
Trigonometry	2
Profit and Loss, Partnership	3
Co-ordinate Geometry	1
Linear and Quadratic Equations	1
Time and Work, Pipes and Cisterns	2
Logarithm	2
Mensuration 2-D	3
Mensuration 3-D	1
Set Theory	1
Algebra	1
Time, Speed and Distance	1

Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DI-LR)

Number of Questions - 35 | Marks per question - 1 | Total marks - 35

In this sections, there were 15 questions on Logical Reasoning and 20 questions were on Data Interpretation. The LR part was much easier than the DI part. One could solve fourteen questions of LR and could attempt one set of DI in a time span of 40 minutes. An attempt of 17 + questions is a decent one for this section. The detailed breakup of the section is as follows –

Topic	Details
LR - Data Arrangement	Total 15 questions distributed in three sets
DI - Table	Total 9 questions distributed in two sets
DI - Bar Chart	Total 10 questions distributed in three sets
DI - Bar Graph	One question

English Language and Comprehension (ELC)

Number of Questions - 40 | Marks per question - 0.7 for RC and 0.5 for EU | Total marks - 23

This section was distributed in two subsections - Reading Comprehension and English Usage. In RC, there were 15 questions and in EU, there were 25 questions, while the marks for correct answers were 0.7 and 0.5 each respectively. In EU there were questions from Fill in the blanks (two blanks) - 6 questions, Correct way of phrasing - 3 questions, Verbal Analogies - six questions, Spelling correction - 2 questions, Para Jumble - six questions and sentence correction - two questions. The details of RC passages are as follows –

Theme of the passage	Length	No. of questions	Difficulty level
Business	Around 1000 words	5	Moderate
Economics		4	Moderate
Psychology		3	Tough
Investment		3	Easy

Expected Cut-offs

39+ marks for IIFT Delhi

33 + marks for IIFT Kolkata Campus

Best wishes for the tests ahead !